

29 February 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief, History Staff

SUBJECT: Proposed Meeting with Mr. Martin G. Cramer about
National Historical Intelligence Museum

1. I have no recommendation to make concerning whether you should meet with Mr. Cramer, as he requests in his attached letter to you.

2. I should note, however, that while I admire Mr. Cramer's perseverance in promoting an intelligence museum, I am chary of his efforts to involve the Agency in it. I agree with the position the Agency has maintained since 1967, that direct involvement is not in CIA's interest. Moreover, in my view a CIA role would not be in the interest of either the projected museum or television series, whose credibility will largely depend upon their independence and freedom from official constraints.

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J. Kenneth McDonald

Attachment

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Remarks

Recommendation please to DCI ASAP
re Cramer's request for meeting.

ATC
Executive Secretary
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NATIONAL HISTORICAL INTELLIGENCE MUSEUM

SUITE 1005
1712 I STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.
20006

February 22, 1984

Hon. William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Among other things, this letter is to thank you belatedly, for testifying before the Senate Select Committee in behalf of our project for National Historical Intelligence Museum. It is also aimed at reviving direct communication between us on our planning for the Museum. I am in hopes you will continue to be supportive of the project and will give it the kind of assist you gave me and my associates in that effort, when the National Intelligence Study Center was in process of establishment.

More specifically, I hope it will be possible for you and me, perhaps with some of the Museum's more active board members, to get together informally and at your convenience. We would like to bring you up to date and seek your further assistance principally in our efforts to solve the troublesome problem of suitable space in the Washington area, and to obtain other needs essential to gaining the momentum required by a project as ambitious as ours.

In preparation for a meeting with Ed Sayle and our exhibitry advisor I reread very recently your American Revolution book and others on the Revolution,* and was reminded of our long conversation in your law office a long time ago before I pigeonholed the museum concept for several years.

You probably know about many developments of the past two years and current plans from your fellow VSS members. However, there will also be developments which will be new to you, the most interesting, I believe, being my proposal for a television series on the history of U.S. intelligence. I am enclosing for your information an extract from our application for a small National Endowment planning grant on this proposal although I am not talking about it much, as this is but a first small step on it, and we will not even have a response on this initial request until August.

I shall follow up on this request with a call to your secretary on when an informal meeting would be possible, perhaps at the (Georgetown) home of one of our Board members or in another social setting. Your advice and further help is needed badly at this time. Thanks again for your continuing interest in this not-easy-to-do project.

Sincerely,

Martin G. Cramer

Martin G. Cramer

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(+deceased, 1983)

* We have done parallel planning exercises on Civil War and World War II thus far.

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NEH Application Cover Sheet

1. Individual Applicant or Project Director

a. Name and Mailing Address

Cramer Martin G.
(Last) (First) (Initial)
President, National Historical Intelligence
Museum
1712 Eye Street, NW
Washington DC 20006
(City) (State) (Zip)

b. Form of Address

Mr.

c. Telephone

Office _____ Ext. _____
Home _____

d. Major Field of Applicant
or Project Director

History of American
Foreign Relations

e. Citizenship ☒ U.S.
☐ Other _____

(Specify)

2. Type of Applicant

a. ☐ By an Individual b. ☒ Through an Org./Inst.
If a. indicate an institutional affiliation, if applicable, on line 11a.
If b. complete block 11 below and indicate here:
c. Type Historical Museum
d. Status 501 (c) (3)

3. Type of Application

a. ☒ New c. ☐ Renewal
b. ☐ Revision and Resubmission d. ☐ Supplement
If either c. or d. indicate previous grant number:

4. Program to Which Application is Being Made

Media

5. Requested Grant Period

From: (Mo./Yr.) Oct 1, 1984 To: (Mo./Yr.) Jan 15, 1985

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6. Project Funding

a. Outright Funds	\$ <u>15,000.00</u>
b. Federal Match	\$ _____
c. Total From Endowment	\$ <u>15,000.00</u>
d. Cost Sharing	\$ <u>5,300.00</u>
e. Total Project Costs	\$ <u>20,300.00</u>

7. Field of Project
American
History

8. Descriptive Title of Project

"Two Centuries of American Espionage"

9. Description of Project (do not exceed space provided) This is a request for a Planning Grant to plan a series of television programs illuminating the role that intelligence and espionage have played in American history from the colonial and Revolutionary periods to the present. Knitting together the major historic events, individuals and technological developments in the history of American intelligence, the project will illustrate that the history of American intelligence is filled with questions and issues related to many aspects of the humanities. The planning period will result in the completion of 1-2 specific program outlines for scripting and pilot production, a format for television presentation of the series, and an outline of the complete series. The program outlines to be submitted to NEH will be on specific humanities concepts and themes related to (1) Intelligence and Espionage During the American Revolution and (2) Civil War Espionage.

10. Will This Proposal Be Submitted to Another Government Agency or Private Entity for Funding?

If Yes, indicate where and when:

No

11. Institutional Data

a. Institution or Organization: National Historical Intelligence Museum, Washington, DC

(Name)

(City)

(State)

b. Authorizing Official: Name

CramerMartinG.

(Last)

(First)

(Initial)

Title: PresidentSignature: Marvin G. Cramer

January 27, 1984
(Date)

c. Institutional Grant Administrator—Name and Mailing Address:

Beach Walter (Treasurer)
(Last) (First) (Initial)
Brookings Institute
1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036
(City) (State) (Zip)

Form of Address

Mr.

Telephone: (202) 797-6000

Please check appropriate boxes:

☐ Adult ☒ Planning
☐ Children ☐ Scripting
☐ Radio ☐ Production
☒ Television

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COVER SHEET CONTINUATION

This project is proposed by the National Historical Intelligence Museum, a private, non-profit, tax-exempt organization located in Washington, D.C. and established approximately two years ago by a group of American historians and others interested in the history of intelligence. The Museum is to have a historical research center on the antecedents of American intelligence activities.

The president of the Museum, Martin G. Cramer, would serve as the principal professional, the Project Director, of this project. Cramer is a former Foreign Service Officer of the Department of State and taught history, political science and international affairs at Tufts, Louisiana State and McGill Universities.

The following scholars, who are also members of the Board or Advisory Board of the Museum, are expected to serve on a core panel of research and advisory specialists for the proposed project:

Dr. Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Emeritus University Professor of Political Science, Brown University, author of books on intelligence;

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Dr. David Kahn, editor, Newsday, and author of books and articles on cryptology and espionage;

Dr. Jules Davids, Professor of Diplomatic History, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University;

Dr. Maurice Matloff, Former Chief Historian, (Army) Center for Military History;

Capt. Roger Pineau (USNR, Ret.), former curator, Navy Museum, author of books, articles on intelligence history;

Dr. Richard K. Betts, Senior Researcher, Brookings Institution, specialist in national security and intelligence.

In addition, the core advisory panel will include Edwin C. Fishel, historian of Civil War intelligence. If appropriate, one scholar from the field of American Studies and one scholar on law and national security would be added to the panel.

As this project would be presented to the general public through a series of television programs, the advisory group will also include a consulting television producer, Wallace Westfeldt. He was executive producer of the Huntley-Brinkley Report, executive producer of NBC Nightly News and executive

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producer of USA: People and Politics. In these various capacities Westfeldt has won four national Emmy Awards, one Peabody Award, the American Bar Association's Silver Gravel Award, and the Ohio State University Journalism Award.

Further biographical information on members of the core group and confirming letters of their involvement have been requested for submission to NEH; and the television director-producer has been asked to provide a biographical sketch and a sample of his past production work.

This proposal includes the concept of a discussion, analysis and interpretive period by historians following some the programs to enhance their educational use. The subject matter is also suitable for classroom or other instructional use.

The specific humanities subjects on which the project will be based are: American History, American Government, American Studies, Philosophy/Ethics, International Relations, History of Science, Technology, and to a more limited degree, American Literature.

This is a request for a "four-month" (three and one-half month) planning grant. The purpose is to plan a series of television programs illuminating the role that intelligence and espionage have played in this nation's history.